January 15, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee

FROM: Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, January 23, 2002 - 10:00 a.m. MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North Ist Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Subcommittee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Please park in the parking garage under the Compass Bank building, bring your ticket, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicyde in the bike rack in the garage.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (480) 644-2388, or Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Manager, at (602) 254-6300.

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## REGIONAL COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE TENTATIVE AGENDA

## SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of October 31, 2001 Meeting Minutes
- 3. <u>Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force</u> Recommendations

On December 13, 2001, the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force presented their final report to the Governor. A representative from the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force has been invited to the meeting to discuss the recommendations.

4. MAG Governance Task Force Update

At the January 11, 2002 Regional Council Retreat, the recommendations of the MAG Governance Task Force were discussed. In addition to the recommendations, the Regional Council discussed guiding principles for implementing the recommendations. The transportation related governance recommendations will be discussed by the Task Force. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. <u>Transportation Public Opinion Focus Groups and</u>
Regional Telephone Survey Preliminary Results

In December, the Regional Council authorized MAG to participate with the Regional Public Transportation Authority in conducting focus groups and a regional public opinion poll. The purpose of this effort was to help assess community support for the extension of the regional one-half cent sales tax for transportation. RPTA contracted with WestGroup Research to conduct the focus groups and opinion poll. In December, five focus groups were held in different parts of the region and a statistically valid telephone survey of registered voters was completed. An overview of the results will be presented by WestGroup Research at the meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 2. Review and approve October 31, 2001 meeting minutes.
- 3. For information, discussion and possible action.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information and discussion.

6. <u>Discussion of Possible Dates and Schedule for Regional Transportation Election</u>

At the November Executive Committee meeting, staff was requested to develop a schedule providing the options for a regional transportation election. A schedule has been developed with the alternative dates being targeted for 2004. Staff will review the schedule with the Subcommittee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. <u>Update on Phase One of the MAG Regional Transportation Plan and Related Studies</u>

Staff will provide an update on the development of the Regional Transportation Plan and related studies.

8. Overview of High Capacity Transit Study

In November, the Regional Council approved contracting with the IBI Group to perform a High Capacity Transit Study. The study will address the feasibility of commuter rail along existing rail corridors, develop a regional commuter rail implementation plan, identify other high capacity alternatives for existing rail corridors where commuter rail is not feasible, and identify new high capacity transit corridors. The planning efforts for the High Capacity Transit Plan developed in this work scope will be integrated with the development of the Regional Transportation Plan. An overview of the study scope will be provided to the members of the Subcommittee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. For information and discussion.

7. For information and discussion.

8. For information and discussion.